Hill Palace Road
Karupadanna Road
Kunnamkulam Road

With these works which had to be given high priority I must admit that it was not possible for me to find the staff necessary to execute in full certain of the road works proposed in the second Road Board Programme. Yet much work has been done, and I have no doubt that I will be able to complete the entire work by 1121. We are now doing the Chalakkudi Anamallais Road and about 21 miles of the road has been opened. The complete survey and estimating for the remaining length of 25 miles have also been completed and the work will be started early. It is programmed to complete the work by July 1946.

The Chalakkudi Irrigation Scheme will be started as soon as the final agreement with Travancore is signed.

The Naduthode Scheme will also be started early next year.

The investigation of the Peechi and Pillathode Reservoir Schemes have been completed and the detailed estimates are being drawn up. The Peechi Scheme consists of a masonry reservoir across the Manali River at a point about 9 miles to the east of the Trichur Town. The storage will be 65,297 acre feet of water and will irrigate lands in 24 villages of the Trichur Taluk. 10,000 acres of single crop lands can be converted to double crop and 6,500 acres of waste lands converted into double crop. The scheme will afford some supplemental irrigation facilities to rice cultivation during the dry weather besides irrigating about 4,000 acres of lands for vegetable farming. This will also supply water to certain navigation canals enabling communication between the Port ofCochin and Trichur all the year round.

The Pillathode Reservoir Scheme comprises an earthern dam with a concrete core wall with a total height of 95 feet across the Pillathode Stream at a point about 12 miles south east of Trichur Town. The length of the dam at the top is 990 feet and the storage capacity of the reservoir will be 51,773 acre feet. The scheme will bring in 3,512 acres of waste lands under double crop cultivation and convert 1,131 acres of single crop lands into double crop. An area of 3,194 acres of double crop lands now lacking in irrigation facilities will be protected by this scheme. The scheme is expected to cost Rs. 12,00,000.

During this year we are making certain important extensions of electric lines in Ernakulam and Mattancheri. An underground cable line of 11,000 Volts was laid from Ernakulam to Mattancheri this year. We have also awarded contracts for the construction of 66,000 Volts line to Trichur for the supply of Hydro-Electric energy to that area. I must record my appreciation to the Electricity Department of the Travancore Government for the uniform courtsey which they have extended to us in the matter of Pallivassal power supply to Cochin State.

I must also bring to the notice of this House the extremely arduous work turned out by my staff specially those who have been working continuously during the year in the malarial regions of the State. Many of them have been stricken down with Malaria but due to paucity of trained staff, their services had to be utilised without giving them time for complete recouperation.

I do not wish to take up any more time, as the remaining points which I would like to dwell upon would come up in the consideration of the cut motions.

I now request the House may be pleased to sanction the demand asked for.

CUT MOTION No. 13

Pallipuram—Vypeen Road

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* I rise to move the cut to reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,00,000 for contribution to Road Board in Demand No. 30-2 (*a*) by Re. 1. *To bring to the notice of the Government the urgent necessity of completing the construction of the Pallipuram-Vypeen Road.*

Sir, I do not think that a prolonged explanation is necessary to convince this House the extreme necessity of that road in that littoral parts. The road connects 6 villages up to the Cochin Harbour. The construction of the road was taken up some years ago and it was left behind due to some reason or other which is not known to this House or to the public. Sir, when the construction of that road was taken up some bridges have been constructed which are of no use at present because of the check-measurement which were very defective and the result is that they are now useless and they are to be remodelled. A portion of that road was metalled

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at that time. But the majority of the portion has to be remodelled now. Sir, as I said before this House is aware that that road should be completed in the near future and I hope that this House will support me to pass this motion to reduce the allotment to the Road Board.

Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* I support the motion.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: സർ, ഇതിന്റെ അത്യവശ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി എത്രതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞാലും മതിയാവുകയില്ല. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിയും ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകളും വൈപ്പിൻ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽപോയി ഒരു സന്ദർശനം നടത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇതിന്റെ പരമാർത്ഥം എറക്കുറെ മനസ്സിലാകുന്നതാണ്. നികുതിഇനത്തിൽ ഗണ്യമായ ഒരു തുക ഖജനാവിൽ നിക്ഷേപിക്കുന്ന വൈപ്പിൻപ്രദേശവാസികൾക്ക് അവരുടെ ഒരുമിച്ചുകമായ ആവശ്യത്തെ സാധിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാതിരുന്നാൽ അതു വലിയ കഷ്ടംതന്നെയാണ്. പട്ടണപ്രദേശങ്ങളിലെ റോഡുകളിൽ ടാർ ഇട്ടും എലക്ട്രിക് ലൈറ്റുകൾ സ്ഥാപിച്ചുംകഴിഞ്ഞ് ബാക്കിപണമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ ഈ കാര്യം ഒന്നാലോചിച്ചാൽ അതു് ഒരു ഗണ്യമായ പുണ്യമായിരിക്കുമെന്നുകൂടി ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

***Mr. L. M. Pylee** *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* Sir, about this road, the Pallippuram-Vypeen road, very often the importance of this road has been emphasised on the floor of this House in the past for nearly quarter of a century, if I am not mistaken. It is not a road from which Government could expect a revenue, but it is a road that is almost absolutely necessary for the well-being of the labouring populations of the littoral tracts. Everyone knows, Sir, that the human labour supplied in the Harbour, in the Willingdon Island, also at Mattancheri and in those portions of the Harbour, at least 50 per cent of them, come from that narrow strip of land that we can almost see from here that stretches northwards from Vypeen and this road over which the poor labourers have to tred along. They start very early in the morning to reach their place of work and many of them return very late at night, and if the Hon'ble Members would care to visit that place as some Members have already done, without exageration I can say that the Hon'ble Members would be shocked to find the condition of that road, I do not say the road, the condition of the pathway that is stretched from the southern end to the other end. It is for this that we want a road. Well, Sir, how soon, may I ask, the Chalakkudi—Anamalai Road came up, how soon it was constructed and how soon it became a beautiful road, I ask the house, is the criterion for the construction of the roads, the return from it to the State or is it for the well-being not merely of the rich people but the well-being of the masses, the well-being of the labourers, the well-being of the dumb, thousands who live in that littoral tract; and I cannot but deplore the negligence shown by the engineering Department in this particular matter. This is a thing which I have seen from my boyhood and this question I have been in contact for the past nearly 15 years. But what has happened now? Why was it that so much neglected a vital thing for the poor population poor people who supply so much labour to the Harbour. Of course the war came only the other day. Was it not three decades before the war when this request was pressed upon the Government, but there was no response. I remember, Sir, when the last Council began in the due enthusiasm that was manifested the scheme was taken up and we find the surveyors come and survey the lands for a few days. After that the surveyors vanished. The question was raised from time to time on the floor of this House and always there was the evasive and indifferent reply saying "yes. Very soon it will be done, very soon it will be done". I ask the House—I have nothing against the Anamalai Road—if much enthusiasm should be shown to that road, why not show that enthusiasm for this teaming thousands of our labourers who are suffering very much. The cry that you will hear when you go there will be "കുടിക്കുവാൻ വെള്ളവും നടക്കുവാൻ വഴിയും ഇല്ല." That is to drink water and pathway to walk on. These are the only two things that they are crying for the last 50 years. They do not ask for electric light, they do not ask for any luxuries, they have been asking and asking in their dumb manner. Imagine if those people were rich. How soon the motor cars would have been there, how all the facilities would have been there. Now it is unpardonable, Sir, on the part of the Government not to have given them these elementary needs of drinking water and roads and no hing more although many more things Government could do for them. Sir, I therefore strongly recommend this motion and urge upon the Government to lose no time. The war may last a century or half a century, that is not the question here. You will say that materials are not available, this is not available and that is not available. We know that these are evasive replies. If there is a will on the part of the Government, Government will accept this motion. We have seen how soon

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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labour comes, how soon materials come and how soon comes everything. I feel rather indignant about it. I am in personal contact with them. I urge this motion for the immediate action of the Government.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* There is a history for this road. As a story-teller would say, once upon a time it was the most important of the original works of the Cochin Government and the Government did not include it in the Road Board Programme because they thought it so urgent that they thought of doing it by the petrol fund or something of that kind. Anyhow that scheme did not matrialise and after a few years it was given to the Road Board. The present Road Board has allotted 61,000 rupees. Even that paltry sum has been spent till now. This road work is neglected by the Engineering Department. The Engineering Department perhaps thinks that it is not a very important work. Because this road was once considered by the Government as most important work and the Government wanted to do it themselves without any fund from the Road Board. Government must take up this work directly. And I hope, as the Chief Engineer knows everything about this he will recommend to Government to spend money for this without referring it to the Road Board. If he has the care of the people there, as he ought to have, he must recommend to the Government to take up this work and do it straight away. There will be no excuse for the Engineering Department to postpone this work any further. I think Government will take up this work at the earliest opportunity. I also request the Diwan Peishkar if he is entrusted with the land acquisition work to do it as early as possible.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വഗീസ്സ്: ഗവൺമെന്റ് ഈ പണി പൂർത്തികരിക്കുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ ആ റോഡിലുള്ള കല്ലുകളെല്ലാം പൊകുമാറായിയാൽകൊള്ളാം.

Mr. K. K. Kannan *(Nominated)* : I also support the motion.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: May I know whether the new alignment has been made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The alignment has been made and the land acquisition prepared and the estimates are prepared. The work will be started in 1121.

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member replying to the discussion? There were several points raised in the discussion. What about the abandoned bridges?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : There are some bridges which have got to be remodelled. Government have fully realised the importance of this Vypeen-Pallipuram road and have taken very urgent action in getting estimates as well as the acquisition papers prepared.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)* : How long would it take to complete the estimate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : The estimates are completed only now. The work will be taken up early next year. We have only a provision of Rs. 61,000. The acquisition charges will alone come to Rs. 1,19,000. Either we have to ask for an additional allotment to meet the balance of Rs. 1,30 000 or acquire as much land as is possible for the amount. So I want to impress upon this House that we have never been neglecting the importance of constructing this road.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)* : How many years did it take?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : We have only provided Rs. 61,000. The policy of this House was to take the road in the Road Boad Programme and with the limitted amount of allotment at their disposal they were able to provide only Rs. 61,000 for the road and for that road we are ready to estimate and plans. One of the Members suggested that I ought to apply more fund from outside this Road Board. I shall look into that question.

Mr. Jos K. Varghese *(Trichur Town-South):* Nothing was mentioned about the condition of the bridges.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)* : Some bridges are unsuitable because they were made as foot-bridges along with this allignment. Those foot-bridges have to be made to road bridges.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* There are some dilapidated bridges.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Some of the bridges of that road have some defect.

Mr. Jos K. Varghese *(Trichur Town-South):* Can you give us anything definite about the bridges?

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Mr. President : The Hon'ble Member did not take any part in the discussion. The Chief Engineer is now replying to the discussion.

Mr. Jos. K. Varghese *(Trichur Town-South) :* It is only a point of information.

Mr. President : Yes, I understand.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer) :* We had constructed some two or three road bridges on that road and those bridges are now in a good condition. There is no defect which cannot be easily attended to when the main road is opened.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latian-Christians-Ernakulam) :* How many bridges are there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha *(Chief Engineer) :* Only four bridges.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashroff *(Cranganur):* I think, neither I nor this Hon'ble House has been convinced by the explanation and that too with lame excuses and habitual explanation given by the Hon'ble Member for Public Works. Sir, Government will very very meekly admit that the road is very vital and that the work will be taken up in the immediate future even though no provision has been made in the budget and no estimates have been made so far.

Mr. V. K. Aravindasha Menon *(Chief Engineer) :* The Hon'ble Member is wrong in making that statement. There is already provision for 61,000 rupees and the estimates have already been prepared and the lands are all taken up. It is wrong for the Hon'ble Member to conclude that we have not taken any action.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashroff *(Cranganur) :* In the circumstances I press the motion to a division.

Mr. President : I think the noes have it.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashroff *(Cranganur) .* Poll, Sir.

AYES

1.	Mrs. T. Francis	19.	Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon
2.	Miss Annie Joseph	20.	,, L. M. Pylee
3.	Mr. P. Natarajan Chettiar	21.	,, K. S. Panicker
4.	,, Thevanna Koundan	22.	,, K. T. Achyuthan
5.	,, K. R. Ramakrishnan	23.	,, P. M. Mayankutty
6.	,, P. Narayana Menon	24.	,, Jos. K. Verghese
7.	,, T. K. Nayar	25.	,, P. A. Muhamed Ashroff
8.	,, V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan	26.	,, T. K. L. Kunjuvareed
9.	,, P. Achyutha Menon	27.	,, Joseph C. Cherayath
10.	,, P. T. Jacob	28.	,, K. I. Velayudhan
11.	,, C. S. Panicker	29.	,, P. V. Sebastian
12.	,, P. K. Paul	30.	,, M. O. Thomakutty
13.	,, P. Sankara Menon	31.	,, Paramel Ipe Ipe
14.	,, M. K. Raja	32.	,, M. K. Verghese
15.	,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan	33.	,, K. K. Kannan
16.	,, G. S. Dhara Singh	34.	,, P. K. Dewer
17.	,, P. Mani	35.	,, K. Kochukuttan
18.	Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan	36.	,, K. A. Raghavan

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1.	Mr. A. Echara Menon	8.	Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu
2.	Dr. S. S. Rao	9.	,, B. V. K. Menon
3.	Mr. P. E. Warne	10.	,, M. Sivarama Menon
4.	Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar	11.	,, K. S. Raghavan
5.	Mr. P. V. Raphael	12.	,, C. J. Mathew
6.	Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon	13.	,, S. Venketeswaran
7.	Rao Sahib I. N. Menon	14.	Rao Sahib M. M. Paul

Mr. President : The motion is carried by 36 votes to 14.

CUT MOTION No. 14

Udayamperur Bridge

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur):* To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,60,033 for communications-Original works in Demand No. 30-A-2 by Re. 1. *To point out how far the recently constructed Udayamperoor bridges is used by public as the road to it is still left unopened.*

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